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Takayuki WATANABE et al. : **Docket No. 2000-0044A**
Serial No. 09/492,137 : **Group Art Unit 1761**
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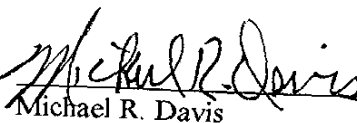
Sir:

On April 27, 2000 Applicants filed a Claim of Priority together with a certified copy of the Japanese priority application. As yet, the PTO has not acknowledged receipt of the priority document. Such acknowledgment is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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